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Response/Detailed Action  
Specification

1. Page 2, line 10 has been currently corrected.

Page 3, line 23 has been currently corrected.

note; A clean version and a marked up version for substitute specifications under 37 CFR 1.125 have been retained. Effective

Date: July 30, 2003.

2. Claims 7&8 have been currently amended.

3. Claims 7&8 have been currently amended and dependent on Claim 4.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 & 35 USC § 103, can not be the basis for all the obviousness rejections set forth in this Office Action because: A US Patented curbside mail box, Marek (US 5, 898,371) - Mason (US 5,377,906) - Binkley (4868,543) and all the rest of the curbside US mail boxes in the United States are very different from a curbside newspaper box. A mail box is a closed container with a door (or a lid as Marek) and have been big enough to put a newspaper in for over 50 years (since I was 16 years old). And are to be used for postage paid mail only.

A curbside newspaper box has no door as it is open at the front and has drainage holes in the bottom, and has no flag. It has been big enough to put a newspaper in for over 50 years, that is why it is called a newspaper box. The newspaper box monitor is installed into any city or towns newspaper companies newspaper box, to make an improvement for the newspaper customer and paid for by the customer.

The United States Postal Service will not allow a newspaper box to be used as a Mail Box, as both can not be used for the same purpose. Please research the United States Postal Service, and phone a Postmaster in any city or town (they all have Postal Operations Manuals). Find about United States Postal Service POSTAL BULLETIN 22102 (5-15-03) page 17 as I am sending it to you. It tells that the use of unapproved boxes is prohibited. A curbside newspaper box is prohibited and can not be used to deliver US Mail into.

Another United States Postal Service Postal operations Manual 137.46 you should get from the Post Office: Mailable matter not bearing postage found in or on Private Mail Receptacles (like a newspaper delivery person delivering a newspaper into that mail box). If the person, firm or distributor responsible for the impermissible use of the private mail receptacles is within an area served by another Post Office, a sample piece is sent with a report of the facts to the Postmaster at that location with a request for action under DMM P011.

Please check United States Postal Service Operations Manual 632.528 - UNSTAMPED NEWSPAPERS - Curbside mail boxes are to be used for mail only, except for newspapers regularly mailed at Periodical Rates.

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4. Regarding Claim 4, Marek admits he has a Mail Box, and I admit that I have a newspaper box and even with a Patent I can not use it as a Mail Box, because the United States Postal Service Postal Bulletin tells me that I can not use a Newspaer Box as a Mail Box because it is prohibited. There is no way that a Radio Technician or Engineer would know how to build Marek (US 5, 898,371) Patented Mail Box because: Marek has nothing definite in his Mail Box Patent, no dimensions, no difinite parts, no electrical schematics, No Resistors, no transistors, just a lot

of it could be, may be, can be, preferably, the indicating means may be an optical indicator, such as, how the detector is constituted is not described except it can be any kind, all through the Patent Marek is in fantasy, all theory and no real facts. But it is still a curbside Mail Box Patent, which can not be replaced by a curbside Newspaper Box or any other unapproved boxes, because of the United States Postal Service Postal Bulletin 22102 (they are prohibited). They are very different kind of boxes.

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5. Claim 7 is rejected because of Marek & Mason (US 5,377,906). Conigliaro (US 3,611,333) must have had the first Patented Mail box, way back in Oct 5, 1971. It had a radio signal and a visual signal. There has been a lot of Patents that have imitated his Mail Box, such as Marek, and Mason, and Binkley, but still no newspaper delivery person can put a newspaper into there Mail Boxes without being in trouble with the United States Postal Service Postal Operations Manual 137.46.

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6. Claim 8 is rejected because of Marek and Binkley (US 5,868,543). Binkley also is imitating some of the other Mail Box Patents. But he also has a Patented Mail Box. I still have a Newspaper Box with a Newspaper Box Monitor mounted in it.

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Applicants arguments:

(A) UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE - POSTAL BULLETIN 22102.

Response to the Arguments:

(A) Mail Boxes and Newspaper Boxes have been big enough to put a Newspaper in for over 50 years and both are about the same size. Curbside Mail Boxes is to be used for Mail ONLY. BULLETIN 22102

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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